

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sylke Klein et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction dated December 16, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to the paste. The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed.

It is submitted that PCT rule 13.2, as embodied in 37 C.F.R. 1.475, mandates keeping of the claims of Group II, claims 13-15 drawn to a cell and method of making a cell, and the claims of Group III, claims 14 and 16 drawn to a circuit and method of making a circuit, together with the claims of Group I, drawn to the paste. This is because the claims of Group II and III are directed to methods of use specially adapted for using the product of claims of Group I. In such a situation, the PCT rules mandate that a product, and process specially adapted for its use be kept together in a single application. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is therefore respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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